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SUBJECT: DETAINMENT OF ARGENTINE PRIESTS -
JOHN FRANCO TESTA (103/77/9)

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPs

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY LAST FALL TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT FATHER JOHN FRANCO TESTA
WAS REMOVED FROM DETENTION UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S STATE OF
SEIGE POWERS.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE CRIMINAL CHARGES PREVIOUSLY
PENDING AGAINST FATHER TESTA HAVE BEEN DROPPED. WE WILL
INQUIRE AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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